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Mascot champion

Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

Monte takes a bow during the Cat/Griz football game in the Washington-Grizzly Stadium last November. Monte was recently crowned Mascot of the Year by ESPN.

A bear of a win

Monte takes home national championship, appears in Super Bowl commercial

Kristen Inbody
Montana Kaimin

Though Monte's own fame is growing, he's a bit starstruck himself.

Since the beginning of the school year, Monte has traded high fives with University of Montana quarterback John Edwards, caught passes from Miami Hurricane quarterback Ken Dorsey and helped NFL Hall of Famer Joe Montana search for a missing ring as part of a skit for a Super Bowl commercial.

Monte, the University of Montana's mascot, was crowned National Mascot of the Year during the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Fla., on New Year's Day.

"It's right on par with winning a football national championship," said UM Athletic Director Wayne Hogan. "It's almost unfathomable that a guy from our small school from the West could win."

Monte agreed.

"I honestly didn't think I had a shot in the dark," he said. "It's a victory for Missoula and the University. Monte is a representative of the school, so consider it a Missoula win over Miami or Tennessee."

As mascot of the year, Monte attended the nationally televised College Football Skills Challenge, where he helped Ken Dorsey of the University of Miami and Rex Grossman of the

University of Florida warm up. Both quarterbacks are likely to be picked up in the first or second round of the NFL draft.

The pair may not look like they are putting any heat on the ball, but "they don't play catch like your dad or your brother. I'll have 'Rawlings' tattooed on my chest for probably a week," Monte said.



Monte

For the Super Bowl commercial, Monte flew to California for filming. In the commercial, Joe Montana — depicting a SportsCenter chef — loses one of five Super Bowl rings while cooking. Monte hunts for it inside a turkey.

Monte and Montana chatted between takes, Monte said. "He's a low key, nice guy," Monte said. "He's moved beyond 'Joe Montana: superstar quarterback.' Now he's just a regular guy with millions of dollars."

The commercial was surprisingly quick, he said. "Oh, I guess that's me, and then I was gone."

Monte appeared in about two seconds of the commercial, he said. "But it was a great two seconds."

Monte said, "It's stuff normal people that aren't in fuzzy bear suits don't get to do."

Monte was chosen in September as one of Capital One's 12 All-America mascots, based on fan interaction, good sportsmanship and

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Hit-and-run suspect to face charges soon

Faculty, staff, students mourn loss of Russian instructor

Jared Ritz
Montana Kaimin

The man who allegedly killed a University of Montana professor in a hit-and-run car accident Dec. 13 will likely have charges brought against him in District Court later this week, Missoula County Attorney Fred Van Valkenburg said Monday.

Erik Lee, 44, of Drummond was arrested on Dec. 14.

When brought to court, he will face a felony charge of negligent homicide, and one count each of leaving the scene of an accident and failing to report an accident, both misdemeanors. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

After his initial appearance, Lee waived his Jan. 8 preliminary hearing, and the Missoula County District

Court is now waiting for the County Attorney's Office to file a case against him. Van Valkenburg said he expects to have it done by the end of this week.

According to court documents, Marina Kanevskaya, a 46-year-old professor in the foreign languages and literature department, was struck by a truck while crossing the intersection of South Sixth Street East and Maurice Avenue at about 7:10 p.m. on Dec. 13. After the accident, Lee allegedly stopped his Dodge Ram pick-up truck, checked it for damage, and then got back in and kept driving. A second truck then hit Kanevskaya as she was lying in the dark street. Though the driver stopped and called emergency workers, Kanevskaya died shortly after she was taken to St. Patrick Hospital.

When witness' reports and a Crimestoppers tip led police to Lee's residence, he told the interviewing officers that he remembered hitting

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Martz extends student's term on Board of Regents

Student leaders believe input was ignored

Natalie Storey
Montana Kaimin

The extension of student regent Christian Hur's term by Gov. Judy Martz came as a surprise to Hur as well as student leaders across the state who say they are disappointed they were not included in the decision.

Martz informed Hur, a University of Montana law student, that his term as a member of the Montana Board of Regents would be extended until July 1, 2004.

"It is my opinion that students should be involved in the process of selecting stu-

dent regents," Hur said. "The appointment came as a surprise to me. I advised Governor Martz that the opinion of MAS (Montana Associated Students) should be heard."

Hur was not the only one who was surprised.

"We certainly have nothing against Christian," ASUM President Jon Swan said. "It is more of that we feel like our voice was thrown out the window."



Christian Hur

As ASUM president, Swan is also a member of MAS, the student government organization of the Montana University System.

MAS President Dan Geelan said the organization has always been involved in the selection of the student

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OPINION

Editorial

Desperate times call for proactive measures

The start of a new semester at the University of Montana has brought bad news for everyone. The state is broke, the universities are broke and soon students are going to be more broke than they already are.

In recent years, we've been handed fee increases, tuition increases and program cuts time and time again.

Montana's university system has gone from being state-supported to being state-assisted. The state has gone from picking up 78 percent of the budget tab in 1983 to just 43 percent in 2003 — and students and their families have consistently picked up the slack.

In recent weeks, our commissioner of higher education has resigned, and the state has told us that we may face a tuition increase of about 20 percent by 2005.

It seems that commissioner Dick Crofts, in his decision to resign and head for Florida, has abandoned a sinking ship. He's not alone; the state has also deserted us, and in the slow economy even private contributors are finding it more difficult to help keep our boat afloat.

It is not a good time to be a college student in Montana, though it's not much better in other states and it's not much better out in the job market.

We're facing a problem of staggering proportions and there doesn't look to be any easy way out.

So what can we do?

No one thing is going to eliminate our problem. And while people like the legislators and regents have more influence than we, the students, faculty and staff, do, we can all contribute to the solution.

Budget crises are everyone's responsibility to deal with because we will all feel their effects, whether we want to or not.

First of all, the threat of losing the quality and value of our education should make us value it all the more. It seems like many just look at college as a job or homework that cuts into free time, but it's important to see how what we are doing here fits into the greater scheme of Missoula, Mont., and the United States. We're important to our community, and in coming years we will be increasingly important as we take over decision-making and leadership roles. We need to understand that what we are doing here is not isolated from the world or its problems, and we need to take responsibility for solving them.

Second, there are small things that everyone can do to help save money in tight times. Turning off lights and computers, taking care of public property, and changing countless other seemingly insignificant things in our lives can contribute to a solution. Immense amounts of money are spent each year to remedy vandalism and other thoughtless acts. The thousands of dollars saved from needless fixes could pay one of your professors, or help keep our fees down.

It's tempting to ignore our individual roles when faced with such a daunting dilemma as the one our university system faces. And it's easy to blow off our suggestions as non-answers. But the fact is, there are no real answers. The big picture comprises all of us, and all of our actions.

— Jessie Childress

U-Wire

Iraqi warhead threat way overblown

Column by
Fahad Bishara

LOS ANGELES — You could almost hear the printing presses stop Jan. 16 when the 12 chemical warheads were discovered at the Iraqi ammunition storage facility at Ukhaider. This was big news — the warheads were unaccounted for in the 12,000-page declaration by Iraqi officials that Hussein himself endorsed as proof of Iraqi innocence. More alarm bells rang Jan. 20 when Iraqi officials discovered four more empty warheads similar to those found in Ukhaider.

All of this could be constituted as incriminating evidence. Being the objective, open-minded people that we are supposed to be, however, we should ask ourselves: Should the findings be regarded as mere remnants of a past or the tip of a missile with a range capacity greater than 150 kilometers?

Let us begin with a discussion of the initial discovery — the 12 warheads found at the Ukhaider base. According to an United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission statement, all of the warheads were said to be in “excellent condition” and “similar to ones imported by Iraq during the late 1980s.”

Should these rockets constitute the “smoking gun” the Bush administration is looking for in order to wage war on Iraq? Hardly. Besides the fact that the warheads were empty, their shelf life had long since elapsed — at best, missiles are only good for 12 years after their date of manufacture — rendering them completely useless, according to an Indian missile manufacturing company.

Another important fact that should be mentioned before we start conjuring up grandiose images of anthrax-bearing zeppelins in the sky is that the 122-millimeter rockets the warheads were found on had a whopping range of 12 miles. If I had launched a similar rocket from my bedroom, I'd have problems reaching targets

in North Hollywood.

A popular argument for the consideration of the rockets as a “smoking gun” is that the Iraqis declared themselves to be illegal weapons-free, meaning that a find such as that of the inspectors at Ukhaider proves that the Iraqis lied.

Although I would love to entertain such trigger-happy notions, it would be against my better judgment. The rockets were found in an ammunition storage facility chock full of other “legal” rockets. Is it not possible that amongst the hundreds of Iraqi artillery rockets, 12 chemical warheads can be overlooked? It is not as if the rockets are visibly larger than normal rockets, nor are they kept in special boxes - they are rockets in regular boxes, just like every other rocket.

When the other four rockets were found Jan. 20, they were described by chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix as being “in boxes, never opened.” Blix also noted that “there were

bird droppings on (the boxes).” So what does that mean to the international community? Hopefully nothing. The findings are probably due to the official's poor inventory-taking methodology — if the box looks like regular artillery, then it must contain regular artillery — rather than a poor effort to conceal a weapons program. And what a weapons program it would be. Expired rockets with a range long enough for them to strike fear into the people at the local supermarket.

It seems as though there is very little that Hussein or his cronies can do to convince the United States that they are illicit weapons-free. But why should they bother? Both the United States and the United Kingdom have spent their money deploying hundreds of thousands of troops to the region — war is now inevitable.

Meanwhile, the North Koreans happily dance around their nuclear facilities, letting the entire world know that they will not bow down to U.S. pressure. But let us be diplomatic with them — they have got to be more cooperative than Iraq, right?

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New Regent’s commissioner fights for low

*Carroll Krause
brings 20 yrs. experience
to Board of Regents*

Natalie Storey
Montana Kaimin

When the Board of Regents appointed Carrol Krause to be interim commissioner of higher education in January the state of Montana got more than just an administrator.

Former colleagues of Krause said the Montana University System also acquired a problem solver, a handyman and a poet.

In fact, Larry Schultz, the associate executive director of Nebraska State Colleges and a former colleague of Krause, remembers one instance when Krause solved a problem in their office by writing a poem about it. It has been so long that Schultz can’t remember the problem, but he said the poem was one of the best he had ever heard.

“Right there in the office he wrote a poem off the top of his head,” Schultz said. “It was actually really humorous

and it even rhymed. He is very talented. He is such a character and so much fun to be around.”

But the acclaimed fix-it-man will have his hands full as the interim commissioner of higher education. Krause was the deputy commissioner for academic affairs from 1982 to 1985, and he then served as the commissioner of higher education from 1985 to 1990.

The Board of Regents is facing a possible 20.5 percent increase in tuition if the Legislature funds higher education at 2000 funding levels.

Krause remains optimistic.

“We want to do everything we can to keep tuition as low as possible,” he said. “But I think I would be kidding everyone if I said there wasn’t going to be a tuition increase. I am going to work as much as I can with the Legislature to deal with budget problems the university system has. I plan on working with the Legislature to the extent that we have the resources to continue the quality of education in the state.”

Krause has had success working with state legislatures in the past.

“He did a good job of making sure the Legislature was aware of our funding needs,” Schultz said of the time Krause spent as executive director of the Nebraska State College System. “Our funding was always good and the Legislature always dealt with us fairly.”

After leaving Montana, Krause became the executive director of the Nebraska State College System, a post from which he retired in 1999. He came out of retirement to serve as the interim president of Mount Marty College in Yankton, S.D.

Students had a high opinion of Krause during his time at Mount Marty College.

“He was very student friendly and approachable,” said Alicia Morfeld, president of the student government organization at Mount Marty College. “We saw him around campus quite a bit.”

Krause says involvement with students is important to him.

“I think student input is critical,” he said. “I have always sought student input.”

Krause and his wife moved to Bigfork two months ago. When Krause

NYPD stands by findings in rape case

NEW YORK (AP) – The Police Department insisted Monday that the five young men whose rape convictions were thrown out in the Central Park jogger case were probably guilty and that their confessions were not coerced.

Six weeks ago, the men’s convictions were thrown out at the district attorney’s request after serial rapist Matias Reyes came forward and confessed to the 1989 rape and near-fatal beating. DNA also connected him to the crime.

As questions mounted about the police’s investigation, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly asked three former law enforcement officials to examine the department’s handling of the racially charged case.

Their report, issued

Monday, not only found no misconduct, it also contends that both Reyes and the five defendants “most likely” assaulted the jogger, either simultaneously or consecutively. The authors of the report said Reyes probably dragged her deep into the woods and brutalized her after a “hit-and-run” attack by the teens.

The findings have no bearing on Justice Charles Tejada’s decision to throw out the convictions of Raymond Santana, Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam and Kharey Wise. They were 14 to 16 at the time of the crime; they are now 28 to 30 and have all completed their prison sentences.

District Attorney Robert

Morgenthau had no comment on the report.

The defendants’ supporters condemned the report as biased.

“They’ve got so much egg on their face they’re never going to be able to wipe it off,” said Myron Beldock, attorney for Salaam. “They’re taking refuge in denials in the face of incontrovertible evidence.”

The defendants were convicted largely on the strength of statements they gave prosecutors. They claimed the confessions were coerced.

At the time, the attack alarmed a city fraught by racial tension and fears of crime. The defendants were black and Hispanic; the victim was a white investment banker.

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Ramey Corn
Montana Kaimin

Though Martin Luther Jr. Day was celebrated more than a week ago, students have a chance to celebrate his legacy this week at the University of Montana.

“The reason we plan a week-long event is to make it convenient for all students to attend at least one event,” Ray Carlisle, chairman of the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee. “We feel that his legacy is very significant and very important.”

King, born in 1929, was a civil rights leader who advocated nonviolent social change. Legislation for a commemorative holiday was first introduced in 1968, just four years after King was assassinated. The holiday wasn’t recognized by the federal government until 1983.

Tuesday will mark the 30th of UM’s celebration of King’s life and legacy. All events are free and open to the public.

“Today’s students deserve a chance to learn about King firsthand,” Carlisle said. “Many wonder what he’d be saying about our country being on the brink of war.”

Although King cannot address the issue of war directly, Carlisle said, people listen to his words and look for answers in them.

On Tuesday Jim Lucas will present his one-man show “Reflections.” The dramatic play will highlight the times of King and some of the major events that thrust him into the political spotlight, Lucas said. Events like the Montgomery bus boycott and King’s assassination in 1968 will be performed.

Soggy sidewalks



Matt Hayes/Montana Kaimin

Students hurry to-and-from the University Center on Monday morning. The recent rise in temperature made for a messy day on campus as snow from last week’s storm was replaced by slush puddles. This week’s forecast calls for cloudy skies and temperatures in the upper 30s with rain likely for Thursday and Friday.



World Briefs
Off the wire

Death toll nears 2,000
in South Asia cold spell

NEW DELHI, India (AP) – Daytime temperatures rose in much of South Asia, but officials said 25 more people died from a month-long cold spell, raising the death toll to 1,935, said officials and newspaper reports Monday.

Winters are normally short and mild in South Asia and this unseasonably long cold weather has caught many unprepared.

South Asians are particularly vulnerable to the cold because millions sleep in unheated homes or outdoors, usually without great risk as winters tend to be mild. For example, New Delhi’s average temperature in January is 58 degrees.

A total of 1,935 people have died from exposure in India, Bangladesh and Nepal, where the poor live in flimsy, unheated shelters and are already weak from being underfed or sick.

At least 18 people died in the last two days in the eastern Indian state of Bihar, a state home ministry official said. In neighboring Uttar Pradesh state, seven people died from the cold overnight Sunday.

Bright sunshine during the day led to temperatures as high as 84 degrees Fahrenheit, but as night fell the temperatures dropped to a low of 44 degrees. Weather officials said the temperatures would continue to fluctuate sharply.

U.N. weapons inspectors
ask for a “few months”

UNITED NATIONS (AP) – U.N. weapons inspectors bolstered the United States’ case Monday that Iraq has failed to cooperate with them wholeheartedly, but also called for at least a “few months” to give the process time to avert a war.

The presentations to the U.N. Security Council, 60 days after inspections resumed following a four-year break, left the five veto-wielding members divided on how much more time Baghdad should be given to disarm.

As the Pentagon pushed ahead with war preparations, Secretary of State Colin Powell warned that Saddam Hussein has “not much more time” to comply and suggested the next step by Washington could come as soon as next week.

But China, Russia and France, which have said they currently see no cause for war, countered that Monday’s reports support the need for inspectors to continue to do their work.

In his toughest criticism yet, chief inspector Hans Blix charged that Iraq has never genuinely accepted U.N. resolutions demanding its disarmament and warned that “cooperation on substance” is “indispensable” for a peaceful solution.

“Iraq appears not to have come to a genuine acceptance, not even today, of the disarmament that was demanded of it,” Blix told the council.

South Korea, North Korea
discuss nuclear weapons

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) – North Korea ordered the U.N. nuclear agency to keep out of its business Monday, a scornful diatribe that came as top North and South Korean officials held cordial talks on resolving Pyongyang’s nuclear crisis.

Moving ahead with Seoul’s diplomatic offensive, South Korea’s presidential envoy met with a close confidant of reclusive North Korean President Kim Jong II and there was speculation that he and other envoies could meet with Kim himself in the coming days.

Pyongyang’s acceptance of the envoys could signal an easing of its refusal to allow third parties to help end the crisis over North Korea’s nuclear weapons program, which it insists is a matter between it and the United States.

The Southern delegation reported to the government in Seoul that the talks were “sincere,” while the North’s state-run news agency, KCNA, said discussions were held “in an atmosphere overflowing with compatriotic feelings and mutual understanding.”

Washington has supported Seoul’s efforts and has widely sought international intervention in the dispute. It also has pushed to take the issue to the U.N. Security Council, which could increase pressure on the impoverished North with sanctions.

UM introduces new e-mail system

Katie Klingsporn
Montana Kaimin

With the rapid technological advances and short life spans of computers these days, the University of Montana’s 20-year-old e-mail server Selway is on its cyber-deathbed.

Born to replace it is a new campus e-mail system that Computing and Information Services released this semester. The new system automatically provides a new account for each student. The three main goals are: to upgrade e-mail service, to provide a reliable way for students to receive information electronically from the University and to make it easier for instructors to communicate with students.

Vicki Pengelly, the director of Client Services at CIS, hopes that students, most of whom already have e-mail accounts, will see the benefits of using the new system.

“A lot of universities use sys-

tems like this, and I think that it’ll catch on here,” she said. “We know that the transition might be kind of difficult, but in the long run it’ll be helpful for everyone.”

The new system will provide professors with an easier way to contact their students, as well as save paper by providing a way for the administration to send out mass messages electronically, Pengelly said.

Students can look up their new account names and passwords in Cyberbear on their personal information page. They will then have to enter their Selway accounts and change their old passwords.

To enter into Selway, students can either click on the icon that is present on all school computers, or use their home telnet connections.

Students also have the option of configuring their favorite e-mail program, such as Netscape or Outlook, to work with their new account. However, some popular programs like Hotmail

and Yahoo won’t work unless special packages are purchased.

Nate Thorsteinson, a junior at UM, checks his Hotmail account about once a week. He has never used Selway, and said he probably won’t go to the trouble of using his new account.

“I already have an e-mail address that all my friends know, and we’ll probably just get the new one taken away when we graduate anyway,” he said. “I think it’s a waste of money.”

Every student was sent a memo giving them instructions on accessing their new accounts. However there is extra staff at the CIS help desk to aid with any questions students have, Pengelly said.

Pengelly hopes that someday UM students will be able to do almost everything — from communicating with registrars to having class discussions — electronically. According to her, this is a good beginning.

“We’ve got to start small and take baby steps,” she said.

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‘Kaimin Godfather’ dies at 91

Jared Ritz
Montana Kaimin

Ed Dugan, a former University of Montana professor who was deemed the “Kaimin Godfather” in the April 1998 100-year Kaimin anniversary issue died in his sleep Jan. 9 at the age of 91.

A professor at the UM School of Journalism from 1937 to 1974, Dugan also pulled double duty as the faculty adviser to the Kaimin. He served two different times in the ‘60s as acting dean of the journalism school.

During his nearly 40-year career at UM, Dugan advised the paper through school censorship fiascos, outspoken editors and held a deep-seeded belief that university students should be able to print what

they want. Dugan walked the thin line of overseeing the student-run paper without censoring or changing it, said Carol Van Valkenburg, who worked on the Kaimin staff from 1970 to 1972.

Van Valkenburg, chairwoman of the print journalism department and the Kaimin’s adviser since 1984, said she took that lesson to heart.

“Ed really taught me how important that was; how to be an adviser without being a supervisor,” she said. “You give them advice, but you don’t make the decisions for them.”

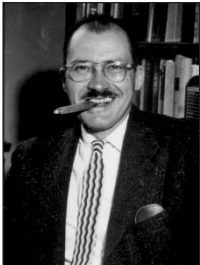
Jerry Brown, the dean of the journalism school, remembers Dugan as a pro-

fessor who was interested in his students’ personal and academic lives. Brown considered him to be the embodiment of the journalism school’s history.

“Ed was a living, cheerful archivist,” Brown said. “He was the collective memory for 65 years of this school’s history.”

On a personal level, Dugan kept his friends in awe.

“He was one of the truly wittiest people I have ever known,” Van Valkenburg said. “He had all sorts of little ‘Dugan-isms’, we called them, that made people laugh. He was always fun to be around.”



Ed Dugan

S. Korea destroys shipment of U.S. potatoes

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — South Korea destroyed about 20 tons of potatoes sent overseas from the Northwest, saying a fungus had been discovered in the shipment.

The chipping potatoes, a test container from Oregon and Idaho, were destroyed on Jan. 16.

“What we were doing was sending a container over there for quality measures, so they could see what happened to the potatoes in transit, see if they would get over there in proper processing condition,” Shannen Bornsen, director of marketing for the Washington Potato Commission, said Monday.

The shipment arrived at the South Korean port city of Pusan on Dec. 17. Two weeks later, the U.S. embassy in Seoul notified U.S. potato producers that the South Korean govern-

ment had found the fungus *Verticillium tenerum* in the potatoes.

Verticillium tenerum, which feeds on decaying plant material, is on a list in South Korea of pests that trigger a quarantine.

“One of the reasons you send test shipments is to sort these things out,” said William Wise, president of the Oregon Potato Commission in Portland.

The fungus is not really a known pathogen in potatoes, so one of the things to do will be to try to find out why South Korea has it on a quarantine list, Wise said.

If the country is unwilling to take it off the list, U.S. and South Korean representatives would try to find an alternative way of dealing with the problem, he said.

South Korea has an import quota this year of almost 18,000 metric tons of

fresh potatoes, which come primarily from Australia right now, said John Toaspern, vice president for international marketing for the U.S. Potato Board in Denver.

In 2001, the United States sent only 162 metric tons of potatoes to South Korea.

“The country is not able to produce enough chipping potatoes to meet the needs of their processors,” he said. “This is why they’re already importing from Australia. We have a different product, a different season. We could fit into the overall mix, and make sure their chippers have the best available product all year-round.”

While potato chips are not a traditional food in Asian countries, salty snacks are popular and the consumption of potato chips is on the rise, Toaspern said.

National Briefs

Off the wire



Extra baggage: Airlines to check weight of small-plane passengers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airlines will begin checking this weekend to find out how much some passengers weigh before they can board 10-to 19-seat planes.

The Federal Aviation Administration ordered the weigh-ins Monday to determine whether current weight estimates are accurate. It’s a question of safety for smaller planes, and passengers who refuse to go along could be barred from a flight.

Debby McElroy, president of the Regional Airlines Association, which is working with the FAA, said airlines are being asked to weigh passengers and bags over three days within the next month at about a third of the airports used by aircraft carrying 10 to 19 passengers.

All bags will be weighed, but the FAA is letting the airlines decide whether they’ll require passengers to step on scales or simply ask them how much they weigh.

The agency will allow airlines to add 10 pounds to each passenger because some people may underestimate their weight.

Top Interior official investigated for deleting Indian trust records

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs broke federal law by deleting months of records related to a lawsuit alleging the government lost billions of dollars of American Indians’ money, a court-appointed investigator said Monday.

In a deposition under oath last December, then-Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Neal McCaleb said he didn’t know he was supposed to be storing copies of his e-mail and he thought his assistant was doing it.

But court-appointed special master Alan Balaran said McCaleb’s story is unbelievable, citing numerous written directives and a pair of meetings in which McCaleb was instructed by Interior officials to keep the electronic correspondence.

The documents in question relate to a 6-year-old class-action lawsuit on behalf of 350,000 Indian landowners that states the government mismanaged as much as \$137 billion in oil, gas and timber royalties from Indian land since 1887.

The Interior Department has all along disputed the \$137 billion figure, but also has acknowledged mishandling of Indian claims and records over the years.

First death penalty spy case in 50 years under way in Virginia

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The first spy trial in 50 years that could result in the death penalty opened Monday with prosecutors portraying a retired Air Force master sergeant as willing to sell out his country for a price and his lawyers saying he had nothing of value to offer.

Brian Patrick Regan is charged with offering classified information to Iraq, Libya and China. If convicted, Regan could become the first American executed for spying since Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in 1953. The Rosenbergs were convicted of conspiring to steal U.S. atomic secrets for the former Soviet Union.

“Brian Regan took an oath of loyalty to the United States. It is an oath he did not keep,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Patricia Haynes told the jurors.

She read a letter that Regan allegedly wrote to Saddam Hussein offering the Iraqi president information to help Iraq hide anti-aircraft missiles in exchange for \$13 million in Swiss francs.

Daschle: Bush must prove Iraq has weapons of mass destruction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle challenged the Bush administration Monday to show proof that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction and said the White House has offered “rotating reasons” for the push toward war.

“When they give so many rotating reasons, it makes people wonder which one is the real one, or if the real reason is none of the above. Above all, it makes people doubt there is a guiding principle,” Daschle said.

The South Dakotan made his remarks at a joint appearance with House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California, an event billed as a “pre-buttal” to Bush’s State of the Union Address. The two party leaders sharply criticized the president’s handling of the economy, his proposal to end the tax on corporate dividends, and his record on education, civil rights and more.

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Pearl Jam to play in Adams Center

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Pearl Jam is coming back to Missoula. On May 28 the Seattle-based quartet will rock the Adams Center. University of Montana Productions has confirmed the May 28 date and the Adams Center as the venue, but it declined to comment on ticket prices and ticket availability. “At this point all we have is a confirmed date and a confirmed venue, the Adams Center,” said Lynn Elsner of UM Productions. As more details about the show become available they will be posted to UM Productions’ Web site, she said. “However, at this point Pearl Jam has not signed a formal contract concerning the show,” Elsner said. While Pearl Jam has not signed a formal agreement, the show is listed on the band’s Web site as the opening show of the second leg of their US tour in support of their ninth studio album, “Riot Act.” While tickets are not yet available to the public, they have already been ordered by some loyal fans who belong to the Pearl Jam Fan Club known as the Ten Club. Membership

to the fan club comes at a cost of \$15.00 per year, and with the membership fans are entitled to advance purchase of concert tickets. Pearl Jam and Missoula have a storied past as the band has played two previous shows here in 1995 and 1998. More than 22,000 people attended the June 1998 show, making it the largest concert in Montana history. Concerns for security have been raised this time because eight people were killed by stampeding fans during a 2000 show in Copenhagen, Denmark. In order to combat swelling crowds, the band requested the Adams Center as a concert venue instead of the larger Washington-Grizzly Stadium, said ASUM President Jon Swan, a member of the band’s Ten Club. Despite concerns over security, loyal Pearl Jam fans are excited about the May date in Missoula. “I am so psyched to see these guys live,” freshman Shawn Helmeke said. “I have a bunch of their released bootlegs and I am really looking forward to seeing them in person.” For more concert information check out UM Productions’ Web site at www.umproductions.org.

Forestry school to change name

Ramey Corn
Montana Kaimin

The School of Forestry is seeking to expand its name to the College of Forestry and Environmental Sciences and to re-organize into various departments. If approved by the provost and the Board of Regents, a proposal will break the school into easier-to-manage departments, facilitating some administrative difficulties. “The change will be seamless to students,” said Perry Brown, dean of the forestry school. There will be no changes to the curriculum or credits, Brown said. The idea for a possible name change and re-organization of the school began two years ago, Brown said. Since the school was established in 1913, it has expanded dramatically over 90 years to include things beyond forestry, he said. There are four degrees that the school offers: forestry, recreation management, wildlife management and resource conservation. Because of the expansion in these areas, the school has become larger and more complex than when it began, Brown said. Brown, along with faculty members, decided the school should stop being managed as a single unit, and move on a

path to departmentalization, like most of the other schools on campus, Brown said. Departmentalizing the school would consist of the creation of three departments: forestry; ecosystem and conservation sciences; and society, wild lands, and environmental policy, Brown said. The creation of administrative support and leadership beyond the dean’s office is needed to better serve students and the school itself, he said. “We want to honor the history and traditions by expanding the school,” Brown said. “It talks to a larger notion of what we do here.” He said the departmentalization would be extremely helpful to students because the School of Forestry has become big, complex and over-centralized. The degrees the school offers would not change, but the re-organizing would allow students to have a specific department they could go to for help with specific questions, he said. However, the proposed name change has some students upset. “I’d like to see it (the School of Forestry) stay the way it is,” said Kipper Blotkamp, a member of the Forestry Student Association. Blotkamp said he, and many other forestry students

resisted the name change because they felt the original name held a place in the tradition of the school. Many other schools of forestry have changed their names to encompass other areas, but this may discourage students from choosing UM, Blotkamp said. Still, there are students who do approve of the name change. “It (the School of Forestry) does need to be more inclusive to represent what is truly here,” said Jeremy Roberts, president of UM student chapter of the wildlife society. “Forestry isn’t even the major program at the school.” Roberts said he believes the departmentalization will be helpful to both students and faculty. “It breaks up the giant administrative pyramid by creating many more departments, and that’s good for everyone,” Roberts said. The proposed name change and departmentalization will be determined by the Board of Regents. Currently, the completed proposal is in the provost’s office where it will be looked through. If no changes are needed, it will be sent to the Board of Regents later this spring, Brown said. Brown said he has no idea if the Board will accept the proposal.

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Control of the historic Daly Mansion in Hamilton, 47 miles south of Missoula, was recently given to the University of Montana this January by the Montana Historical Society.

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UM takes control of Daly Mansion

Copper King’s former home to provide UM with “educational opportunities”

Katie Klingsporn
Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana took control of the historic Daly Mansion in a deal struck between UM and the Montana Historical Society, which was approved by the Board of Regents during its January meeting.

University Legal Counsel David Aronofsky said the mansion, located near Hamilton, will provide the school with a wealth of educational opportunities as well as serve as an outreach to the outlying areas of the Bitterroot Valley.

“It fits nicely and neatly with the University’s mission,” he said. “We are exceptionally strong in history and art, and this is a great source of both.”

The mansion was a summer home of Marcus Daly, who became one of Montana’s wealthiest men as a copper king in the late 19th century,

Sitting on 50 acres, the 24,000-square-foot Georgian Revival style mansion has more than 50 rooms, including 24 bedrooms and 15 bathrooms. It is recognized as a National Historic Site.

Tom Cook, the Montana Historical Society press representative, said that the idea to transfer control from the society to the University was a product of many factors, the biggest being proximity.

“The University is much closer to the mansion than the society, which is in Helena,” he said. “It is in a better position to give the mansion attention.”

About a year ago, the society, along with the Daly Mansion Preservation Trust, the Hamilton-based private non-profit organization that takes financial responsibility of the mansion, approached President George Dennison with the idea of transferring control to UM.

After Dennison agreed that the mansion would be a favorable addition to the University’s properties, UM, the trust and the society took the plan through a series of approvals, which ranged from the governor to the Montana Land Board and finally to the Board of Regents.

Aronofsky said there will probably be seminars and maybe internships held at the mansion, but a detailed plan hasn’t been created.

“It will take some time to develop,” he said.

Although the University now has control of the mansion, the trust still holds financial responsibilities such as liability, property insurance, operation costs, maintenance and restoration.

The trust is also still responsible for tours, weddings and events held at the mansion.

Beth Hubble, executive director of the mansion, said the University’s biggest contribution will be what it provides educationally.

“We’re not expecting the University to do much work on it, but we’re looking forward to tapping into some of its resources,” she said.

However, UM will have to pay some insurance premiums. Aronofsky said he can’t be sure exactly how much, but he guessed it will be “somewhere in the low four digits” per month.

Those uncertain insurance premiums are what caused student Regent Christian Hur to vote against the plan.

“The insurance premiums aren’t on the deal. If costs get out of control, it could hurt the students,” he said. “It didn’t seem to be in the students’ best interests especially since the Legislature is looking at axing the budget.”

The final approval from the Board of Regents made the transfer nearly complete. All that awaits now are the appropriate time and weather conditions to hand over control.

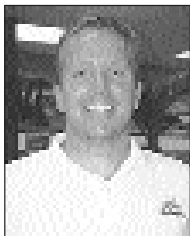
“The grounds are extraordinary,” he said. “We want to have some sort of outside ceremony and incorporate them.”

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Regents approve Latin American studies minor

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Starting this semester, students at the University of Montana will be able to pursue a minor in Latin American studies.

“(Students) were taking these courses but didn’t have it mentioned on their transcripts (as a minor),” said Maria Bustos-Fernandez, chairwoman of the Latin American Studies Steering Committee.

The new program covers many different aspects of Latin America. Required classes include those pertaining to the history, science, literature, art, political science and economics of the region.

The interdisciplinary program has been in the works for years. Because it relies on classes from different disciplines within the University, the proposal required signatures from many professors across campus before the Board of Regents would approve it. The board gave its final approval in November.

Bustos-Fernandez said it is critical to study Latin America

from different views in order to fully understand the region. “[The selection] is important because fragmented knowledge leads to partial thinking,” Bustos-Fernandez said.

Students interested in employment with government or non-government organizations, as well as business, health or education fields, can use the minor to their advantage, Bustos-Fernandez said.

“I think it’s important that students can be recognized for the classes they will already be taking,” said Ryan Rossing, a wildlife biology major who plans to minor in Latin American studies.

His field of study deals with human rights in Latin America, and Rossing said the program will help him better understand the issues.

Also, students seeking a master’s degree at another university may find the minor helpful. Bustos-Fernandez said she has written to other schools on behalf of former students who completed all the requirements for the minor but graduated before it was granted.

The creation of the minor was supported in part by the results of a survey given in classes per-

taining to Latin America last year. Out of 362 students taking the courses, 230 said they would be interested in the minor.

Because Bustos-Fernandez will be in Oaxaca, Mexico, during this semester, professor Carlos Baied will be taking her place as an adviser until she returns.

Baied said he plans to help students understand the changing requirements for the minor.

To complete the minor, students must fulfill a language requirement of Spanish 201. They must also complete Introduction to Latin American Studies and take a total of 18 credit hours in approved Latin American courses.

Students are also encouraged to be involved in a study abroad program, which can last from five weeks to a year at a Latin American university.

This summer Paul Haber, a political science professor, will be taking students on a study abroad trip to Patzcuaro, Mexico. There are still spots available and anyone interested can contact him at 243-4862.

For more information on the Latin American studies minor, contact Carlos Baied at 243-6478.

SEC settles with Sunbeam

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Two former Sunbeam executives and a former Arthur Andersen partner agreed to settle civil charges brought by the Securities Exchange Commission over their roles in a massive accounting scandal that helped push the company into bankruptcy.

The deal announced Monday marks the end of litigation by the SEC against those it held responsible for the scheme during 1996 and during the tenure of former chairman “Chain Saw” Dunlap that masked the company’s financial problems.

Dunlap agreed earlier to pay \$500,000 to settle accounting fraud charges.

In the latest settlement, ex-controller Robert J. and Donald R. Uzzi, former vice president of sales, agreed to pay \$100,000 each to settle charges they helped inflate profits by falsifying Sunbeam’s financial records.

Gluck also was barred from serving as an officer, director or accountant with a public company for five years.

Former Andersen partner Phillip E. Harb was barred from accounting

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- FLL 359 Spanish American Civilization Literature and Film MW 1:00-3:00
- GEOG 351 UG. Middle America: The Geography of Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean MWF 12:10-1:00
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- HIST 385 Mexican History TR 3:40-5:00
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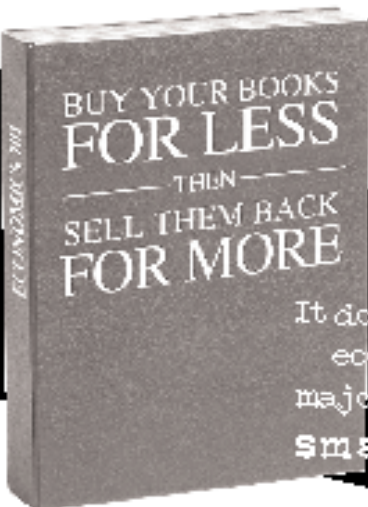
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NEWS

\$10,000 reward hopes to heal health care system

SEATTLE (AP) - A \$10,000 prize can be yours! All you have to do is fix America's ailing health care system.

A health care consultant in Seattle is sponsoring the contest to spark new ideas and start a debate about health care reform.

So far about 100 people and groups have entered, including doctors, lawyers, a Los Angeles venture capital firm and the daughter of a Navajo healer.

"We need to start talking about our health care system, It doesn't work." Kathleen O'Connor said.

Nationwide, 41 million people lack health insurance, according to 2001 Census Bureau figures.

The deadline for completed plans is July 1; entry fees range from \$10 for senior citizens and students to \$500 for corporations. O'Connor has recruited eight judges from across the country and is looking for a ninth. All are from various professions with experience in health care.

"I'm not interested in ideological purity or elegant design," said contest judge Ed Howard, vice president of the Alliance for Health Reform. "I want something that works."

O'Connor said she will pay the winner with money from entry fees and, if necessary, from her own pocket.

The top three entries will be forwarded to the state's congressional delegation.

It's all water



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

During one of the first big snowfalls of the year Taran Kahler, a senior at Sentinel High School, attempts to ride the edge of a picnic table with a kayak last week in the Lower Miller Creek area.

U.S. bombardiers aim for rebels in Afghanistan

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) – U.S. and coalition forces are fighting a pitched battle against a group of 80 rebels aligned to renegade leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar in the largest-scale fighting since Operation Anaconda nine months ago, the U.S. military said Tuesday.

At least 18 rebel fighters were killed, and there were no reported coalition casualties.

"It's the largest concentration of enemy forces since Operation Anaconda," U.S. military spokesman Roger King said from Bagram Air Base, a reference to fighting in March in eastern Afghanistan that involved the largest number of American troops in the Afghan war.

American war planes attacked enemy positions with B-1 bombers, F-16s and AC-130 gunships, King said.

The fighting in mountains in southeastern Afghanistan near the border with Pakistan was triggered by a small shootout nearby in which one man

was killed, one injured and one detained, King said. He said the detained man revealed under questioning that a large group of men had massed in the mountain areas.

King said the military sent Apache helicopters to the area to investigate, and they came under small arms fire. The military responded with a quick-reaction force of fighter aircraft that are continuing to pound the remote region with 500-pound and 2,000-pound bombs.

He said some of the fighters are dug in caves.

King said it is believed the rebel fighters, while loyal to Hekmatyar, have sympathies and possible links to the ousted Taliban and al-Qaida.

Many Taliban and al-Qaida suspects fled into Pakistan following U.S. bombardment in late 2001. There have been a series of attacks along Afghanistan's long border with Pakistan in recent months, including

one in December that resulted in the death of U.S. Army Sgt. Steven Checo.

There have been several other shootouts involving U.S. forces along the border in recent months, and rockets are routinely fired at U.S. military bases in eastern Afghanistan, near the border. The rockets rarely hit their target and injuries from such assaults are unheard of.

U.N. and American forces have expressed concern about renewed training by al-Qaida and Taliban militants in the mountains of Afghanistan near the Pakistani border.

Operation Anaconda, from March 2 to March 18, was the largest ground operation of the war. Its was to eliminate Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts in a mountainous area of southeastern Afghanistan and involved more than 2,000 U.S. and coalition troops. Seven Americans died.



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NEWS

U.S. marching closer to war

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration Monday moved steadily toward a military showdown with Iraq and suggested a decision could come as early as next week after U.N. inspectors credited Iraq with only limited cooperation in the search for weapons.

To bolster its case, the United States intends to provide the inspectors with additional evidence to support its claim that President Saddam Hussein has been moving and hiding thousands of chemical and biological weapons in palaces, mosques and private homes.

A senior Bush adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Secretary of State Colin Powell will unveil next week "broad evidence" against Saddam, including new information about his ties to al-Qaida, his weapons of mass destruction program and his efforts to deceive the world community by hiding his deadly arsenal beneath the ground and in mobile facilities.

Some officials are expecting President Bush to have Powell deliver the material at the United Nations, but details were still being worked out Monday. The decision comes as Democrats and anxious U.S. allies intensified demands for proof that Saddam possesses weapons of mass destruction.

Bush and his senior advisers refused to tip their hand on when the United States might go to war to force Iraq to disarm. But Powell set out a scenario to bring the tug-of-war with Saddam to a conclusion.

"What we can't do is just keep kicking the can down the road in the absence of a change in policy and attitude" in Baghdad, Powell said at a State Department news conference, even though he acquiesced to additional U.N. inspections.

"We will have our discussions and consultations this week, and then we will announce next steps at an appropriate time," he said.

The Pentagon pushed ahead with war preparations that would position more than 150,000 troops and four aircraft carrier battle groups, each with more than 70 war-

planes, in the Persian Gulf region by the end of February.

In a significant step, the Pentagon concluded an arrangement with the Turkish government to permit up to 20,000 U.S. troops to use bases in Turkey for a potential ground invasion into northern Iraq, a senior Defense Department official said. Turkey, a valued ally in the 1991 U.S.-led war with Iraq to liberate Kuwait, had taken an ambivalent stance this time.

To facilitate the flow of war material to the Gulf, 13 more cargo ships from the Transportation Department's Ready Reserve Force fleet have been activated, the department announced Monday. They join 19 other ships already activated.

The Ready Reserve Force ships are operated by American merchant mariners who volunteer for the missions. The fleet augments cargo ships of the Navy's Military Sealift Command.

The administration's strategy calls for agreement to possibly a few more weeks of inspections as Powell, U.N. Ambassador John Negroponte and other American diplomats lobby the 14 other members of the Security Council to implement the "serious consequences" the Council threatened Iraq with in November.

Germany is dead-set against going to war. France, Russia and others are skeptical that a case for war has been made.

Bush, meanwhile, will try to prepare the nation for war in his State of the Union address Tuesday night, but will withhold announcement of any decision on an attack that many members of Congress oppose and polls show does not have the support of a majority of the American people.

On Capitol Hill, Senate Democratic leader Tom

Daschle of South Dakota said Monday, "If we have proof of nuclear and biological weapons, why don't we show that proof to the world _ as President Kennedy did 40 years ago when he sent Adlai Stevenson to the United Nations to show the world U.S. photographs of offensive missiles in Cuba?"

Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, the House Democratic leader, urged, "Let's exhaust every diplomatic remedy before we send our troops."

Top Democrats on the House Armed Services Committee, Reps. Ike Skelton of Missouri and John M. Spratt Jr. of South Carolina, asked Bush in a letter to continue the U.N. arms search "so long as it holds reasonable promise of success" and might build allied support.

With anxious U.S. allies also intensifying their demands for proof that Saddam possesses weapons of mass destruction, Powell acknowledged "there are disagreements."

"There are some who are satisfied with passive cooperation at this point," he said.

But the U.N. resolution unanimously approved last November was not about "passive cooperation," and chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix on Monday "made it rather clear that he is not getting the kind of cooperation, and Iraq has not made the fundamental choice it has to make that it is going to be disarmed," Powell said.

One Iraqi scientist, for instance, has kept from the inspectors a 3,000-word document on Iraqi weapons procurement, a senior U.S. official said Monday.

And so, Powell said, "we are getting closer and closer to the point where the Security Council is going to have to look at the options that it anticipated."

Leafy landscapes



Artist Pamela Olson strings a porcelain leaf as part of her "Contemplative Landscapes" exhibit that opens Tuesday in the UC gallery. Olson will present a slide lecture Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the UC with an artist reception to be held in the UC Gallery from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Twenty war protesters arrested

DENVER (AP) — Police without incident arrested 20 people protesting a possible war with Iraq who blocked entrances Monday to downtown offices of an oilfield-services company once headed by Vice President Dick Cheney.

About 100 supporters with anti-war pins and handmade posters sang "We Shall Overcome," then chanted and cheered as officers shouted warnings and carried

away people, ages 17 to 79, on trespassing charges.

Some protesters contended President Bush is urging military action against Iraq to protect oil interests, while others said they feared the consequences of war.

They gathered outside offices of Houston-based Halliburton Co., which was once headed by Cheney.

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BPA to take fish focus after budget cuts

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) – The Bonneville Power Administration’s spending on fish and wildlife will be focused on saving threatened and endangered salmon and do less for other species after the agency gets through cutting \$35 million from its budget.

The Northwest Power Planning Council, which balances fish and wildlife against hydroelectric power in the Columbia Basin, on Monday unanimously approved a set of principles for reducing the BPA fish and wildlife budget from \$174 million to \$139 million this year.

The council’s deadline for specific recommendations on which projects to cut is Feb. 21. The BPA will then make the final decisions, said Therese Lamb, acting BPA vice president for environment, fish and wildlife.

“The focus is probably more directly on salmon and listed stocks,” said Sara McNary, BPA’s director for fish and wildlife. “We have a certain amount of fund-

ing available for wildlife, and a certain amount for non-listed fish species. But it will not be as robust as planned.”

The top priority for programs will be those that help BPA meet its short-term obligations under the Endangered Species Act for restoring the 12 runs of Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead that are threatened or endangered species.

Other top priorities include maintaining past investments in improving salmon passage in tributaries, such as a fish ladder over an irrigation dam, protecting habitat where wild salmon are spawning successfully, and maintaining fish hatcheries.

The projects were initiated by the fish and wildlife agencies of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, as well as Indian tribes with treaty rights to fish for salmon.

“We feel BPA still has the financial tools available to get them out of this,” said Charles Hudson, spokesman for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish

Commission, which represents the tribes. “Fish and wildlife spending did not put Bonneville into this mess. It goes back to a flawed rate case built on flawed assumptions and horrific business decisions.”

Under the biological opinion for salmon recovery adopted in 2000 by the National Marine Fisheries Service, BPA must meet certain checkoffs in 2003, 2005 and 2008.

The checkoffs are designed to document that progress in being made in making the basin’s hydroelectric dam operations less harmful to salmon. Failure to satisfy the checkoffs would require renewed consideration of breaching four dams on the lower Snake River.

The first round of checkoffs mostly have to do with verifying systems are funded that will be able to verify future improvements in salmon returns. The checkoffs in 2005 and 2008 involve showing salmon returns have improved.

Internet attack more than first realized

WASHINGTON (AP) – The weekend attack on the Internet crippled some sensitive corporate and government systems, including banking operations and 911 centers, far more seriously than many experts believed possible.

The nation’s largest residential mortgage firm, Countrywide Financial Corp., told customers who called Monday it was still suffering from the attack. Its Web site, where customers usually can make payments and check their loans, was closed most of Monday with a note about “emergency maintenance.” Countrywide predicted it would be early Tuesday before all its computers were fully repaired and its systems validated for security, spokesman Rick Simon said.

Police and fire dispatchers outside Seattle resorted to paper and pencil for hours Saturday after the virus-like attack disrupted operations for the 911 center that serves two suburban police departments and at least 14 fire departments.

American Express Co. confirmed that customers couldn’t reach its Web site to check credit statements and account balances during parts of the weekend. Perhaps most surprising, the attack prevented many customers of Bank of America Corp., one of the largest U.S. banks, and some large Canadian banks from withdrawing money from automatic teller machines Saturday.

The surprising disruptions shook popular perceptions that vital services were largely immune to such attacks.

President Bush’s No. 2 cybersecurity adviser, Howard Schmidt, acknowledged Monday that what he called “collateral damage” stunned even experts who have warned about uncertain effects on the nation’s most important electronic systems from mass-scale Internet disruptions.

“One would not have expected a request for bandwidth would have affected the ATM network,” Schmidt said. “This is one of the things we’ve been talking about for a long time, getting a handle on interdependencies and cascading effects.”

Miles McNamee, a top official with the technology industry’s Internet early-warning

center, said the attack was “comparable to the worst of previous denial of service attacks and if so, marks another multibillion-dollar hit to the global Internet community.”

The White House and Canadian defense officials confirmed they were investigating how the attack, which started about 12:30 a.m. EST Saturday, could have affected ATM banking and other important networks that should remain immune from traditional Internet outages.

Schmidt said early reports suggested private ATM networks overlapped with parts of the public Internet. Such design decisions were criticized as “totally brain-dead” by Alex Yuriev of AOY LLC, a Philadelphia-based consulting firm for banks and telecommunications companies.

Officials were most concerned about risks that citizens might lose confidence in financial networks.

“Their bread and butter is the public being able to get access to their accounts when and where they want them,” said Ron Dick of Computer Sciences Corp., former head of the FBI’s National Infrastructure Protection Center.

The virus-like attack, alternately dubbed “Slammer” or “Sapphire,” sought vulnerable computers to infect using a known flaw in popular database software from Microsoft Corp. called “SQL Server 2000.” Microsoft said it has sold 1 million copies of the software.

The attacking software scanned for victim computers so randomly and so aggressively that it saturated many of the Internet’s largest data pipelines, slowing e-mail and Web surfing globally.

Congestion from the Internet attack eased over the weekend and was almost completely cleared Monday. That left investigators poring over the blueprints for the Internet worm for clues about its origin and the identity of its author.

Complicating the investigation was how quickly the attack spread across the globe, making it nearly impossible for researchers to find the electronic equivalent of “patient zero,” the earliest-infected computers.

Bear shooters charged with trespassing

(AP) —Three men involved in the shooting and wounding of a grizzly bear along the Rocky Mountain Front last fall while deer hunting have been charged with trespassing, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks said Monday.

The female bear was shot in the head Nov. 19, and her recovery and meanderings with three cubs have been closely monitored since then.

The charge filed in Justice

Court in Teton County at Choteau names Rodney A. Roberts, 28, of Missoula; Spencer R. Swingley, 25, of Great Falls; and Stephen R. Swingley, 55, also of Great Falls.

They were issued tickets for hunting on private land without landowner permission, the state agency said. The maximum fine for the misdemeanor is \$500 and 30 days in jail.

The incident occurred when the men were hunting on the TRM Ranch, owned by the Boone and Crockett Club, west of Dupuyer. During the hunt, they crossed onto neighboring private land without permission and surprised a grizzly sow with three cubs, the state alleges.

Roberts told authorities the sow charged him at close range and he shot her in the side of the head. No charges were filed in the shooting.

The four bears have stayed in the general area and not yet gone into their winter den.

Bruce Auchly of the agency’s office in Great Falls said the bears have been reported in good condition. Earlier this month, they had moved into a higher election and were expected to den soon, he said.

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Monte

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community service.

"I get to go to hospitals and interact with the kids and make people laugh without the pressure like in a show," Monte said. "If someone doesn't laugh, they're here to see the football game anyway."

Final selection was based equally on judge's ranking and online voting.

Monte ranked third in the final vote tally.

"I was killed by Penn State, but that was to be expected because of the school size," Monte said.

The mascot of Penn State — enrollment 80,000 — is the Nittany Lion. He probably lost because of his lame costume, Monte said.

"It's too bad his suit was the ugliest thing I've ever seen, more like a naked-dog creature than a lion," Monte said.

Mike Zollars, the man behind Penn State's mascot, said he has no hard feelings.

"Everyone has their moments," Zollars said. "I've had plenty. I'm happy for him."

The Nittany Lion suggested Monte's excellent five minute highlight tape, which features clips of him entering the stadium, dancing and crowd surfing, took him to the top.

"My package wasn't that good," Zollars said. "His package was probably better than mine."

Zollars said, "He's very athletic, very dynamic. He's not scared about doing anything in that suit. There's lots of things he does that are very different, like riding a Harley."

Ideas like entering the football field

on a motorcycle would never have become a reality without the support of the Griz athletic administration, Monte said.

"If I had a stubborn administrative staff like Bozeman probably has then the games would be like Bozeman's, boring and uneventful," Monte said. MSU's mascot, Champ the Bobcat, is "low-key and doesn't really do much."

Freshman Anna Lewing voted for Monte after seeing how incredible his dancing moves are at football games.

"It was neat how he could moonwalk with a bear suit on," Lewing said. "He makes it more fun to watch in the down-times."

Griz quarterback Brandon Neill agrees. "Monte goes to all odds to make people laugh. It makes the game a lot better experience with him than without him. I catch myself laughing, too. It's all part of the atmosphere."

The first football game of 2003 will be "a hell of a show," Monte said.

He has big ideas on how to bring Monte into the stadium and how to make the best use of the giant video screen with more interactive Monte mini-videos.

Hogan said a new Monte suit will make its debut at the game. The current one will be retired into the Hall of Champions in the Adams Center, "like a museum piece."

Monte adds to Griz basketball games, too, said Juliann Keller, a forward with the Lady Griz.

"He's funny, and he definitely gets the crowd into the game," Keller said. "At other schools we've been to, I've noticed their mascots do not add up to Monte."

UM will celebrate Monte's national title victory at this Saturday's men's basketball game against Sacramento State.

"Monte Madness" will include prizes like Monte posters and stuffed Monte bears. One lucky fan could win the ultimate Griz package, which includes two season tickets to every Griz sport for next year, two round-trip tickets on the charter to Maine for the opening game of next year's football season, a television and a recliner.

The fan whose name is drawn would be invited onto the court, where the fan will be presented with the prize if Monte can sink one half-court shot over his head. Monte will have 10 tries.

Don't worry, he's been practicing.

"Some days I get two or three in a row. Some days I miss 50," Monte said.

Monte said he hopes "Monte Madness" will draw more people to the Griz basketball games.

"Students need to start coming to the damn games," Monte said. "Every other school has big students sections. The teams love it; the coaches love it."

During halftime, Monte will be presented with the championship trophy and a \$10,000 check for UM.

The \$10,000 will go back into Monte's paws and into the mascot program "for current and future good," Hogan said. "We're looking at how to maximize the programs for the future," he said. This may include a scholarship or stipend for future Montes.

As for this Monte, the future is unclear. He graduated in May, and may not stick around for another year. "I'm maybe a little schooled out," he said.

Monte has discussed returning, but he is also thinking about going pro.

"I'm 23. I need to start entertaining ideas of taking the next step," he said. Monte's agent has been dropping his name, and some professional teams — he



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin
Monte busts a sweet move during a time-out at a November basketball game in the Adams Center.

can't say which ones — have expressed interest.

Even if this Monte isn't around next year, the legacy will continue.

"It's not so much teaching (my successor) how to perform but more to help him understand how important Monte is and could be," he said. "Monte needs to be a useful part of the community and the University. Monte has national recognition and the next Monte can't just drop the ball."

Monte will pass on some dance moves, though.

"Everybody loves the moonwalk," Monte said. "And, Monte has to be able to shake his tail."

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Washington-Grizzly Stadium expansion approved

Season ticket holders, students battle for seating

Brittany Hageman
Kaimin Sports Editor

An additional 4,004 sets of fanned hands and wiggling fingers will be added to the Washington-Grizzly wave next season.

After the \$2.3 million project was approved by the Board of Regents earlier this month, the UM Athletic Department got the official go-ahead to expand the north endzone.

And, for any Griz fan who has had to stand sandwiched between people in the aisles in the student section, an expansion could mean more elbow room.

Though it has been suggested by UM Athletic Director Wayne Hogan that a portion of the new 4,004 seats be turned into student seating, the majority of the new spots will be reserved for season ticket holders.

Although Hogan is proposing to grant 650 of the seats exclusively to students, the extra room won't come without a pricetag, said ASUM Vice President Kristy Schilke.

The money to complete the \$2.3 million project has to come from somewhere and to get more student seats, the student

athletic fee will likely be increased by approximately \$9, Schilke said.

"We need the seats, and it's fair to ask for a fee increase since the general athletic fee hasn't been raised in awhile," Schilke said. "But the ASUM needs to take into consideration the best interests of all 13,000 UM students and not just those who attend games."

Discussion and negotiations between the athletic department and ASUM are underway regarding student seating, and while nothing definite has been decided yet, the proposed fee increase could go before the Board of Regents or be decided by a referendum.

The athletic fee charged to students is currently \$60, an amount that has not been raised since 1993. And, UM's general athletic fee is one of the lowest in the Big Sky Conference.

If the money doesn't come from the proposed fee increase, it will have to come from selling more season tickets.

The Athletic Department has already raised money by pre-selling 2,700 of the season tickets at \$148 a pop, including a \$75 deposit. The department used this money as collateral before going to the Board of Regents to ask for a loan to cover the project.

In addition to the loan and revenue created from ticket

sales, a Griz alum and former player, Walt Brett, agreed to put up the rest of the money as an interest-free loan to the UM.

Brett, a developer in Park City, Utah, has also used his ties with AIMES Construction Inc. to help defray construction costs.

"All we have to do is make the economics fit," Hogan said. "The end product, the expanded stadium, will be louder with more people and more excitement. It creates more of a Griz mystique."

Season ticket holders Adele Gibbs and Julie Beckel agree that more seats will translate into more fans and more noise.

"The expansion is wonderful," said Gibbs, whose seats are in the south endzone. "Griz football is too wonderful to limit the seating capacity to just 20,000."

Although Gibbs and her husband Matt have been season ticket holders for a number of years, she would like to see the extra seats go to the students.

Beckel, who has season tickets in the north endzone, said she would also like to share an aisle with more students rather than other season ticket holders.

"We need more students in the stands," Beckel said. "They are the heartbeat, so to speak, of the University and the whole stadium feeds off their spirit."

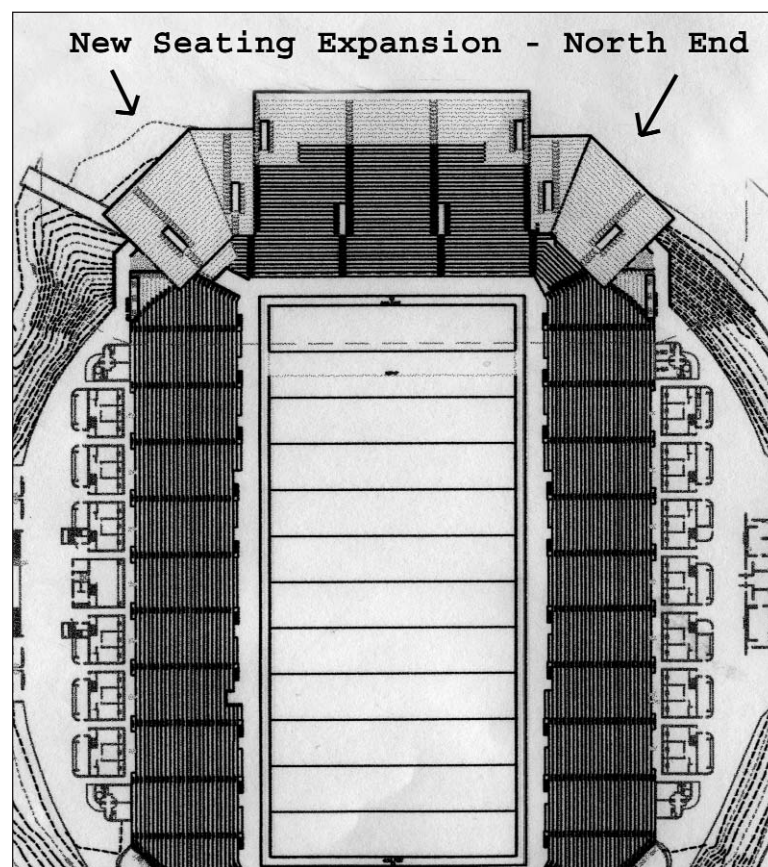
Although it's unclear at this point exactly who will be sitting

in the new seats, the project is set to be completed before the first game next season. If construction goes according to plan, the new seating will climb 10-12 rows higher than the present stands.

Adding on to the north endzone was ideal because construction there will be easier than

adding on the east or west sides, and fans on the north end have the best view of the screen, said Hogan.

"The north endzone is the most popular place in the stadium," Hogan said. "People have created their own culture down there...they're crazy, man."



Above are the tentative plans for the stadium expansion. The 4,004 new seats in the north endzone will raise the stadium's seating capacity to 23,000.

Indoor tracksters zip out of the blocks, start season off well

Marina Mackrow
Montana Kaimin

In its first showing of the season, the University of Montana's indoor track team came away with eight Big Sky Conference championship qualifiers at the Washington State Open in Pullman, Wash., last weekend.

"It's good to get any conference qualifiers right out of the block," said head coach Tom Raunig.

Raunig said the meet went as expected considering the team had not competed since last spring.

"We did pretty well," Raunig said. "There were some setbacks with nerves and such."

Five Lady Griz qualified for the con-

ference championship. Anne Sheehy and Suzanne Krings qualified in the high jump. Krings also qualified in the 55-meter-hurdles. Kerry Bogner, Julie Ham, and Shannon Johnson qualified in the 5,000-meter run.

On the men's side, three runners qualified for the conference championship. Trevor Gunlock qualified in the high jump. Matt Clifford qualified in the pull vault and Ted Cordeiro qualified in the weight throw.

"I'm really happy with some of the results," Raunig said. "But others were rusty."

All-American Scott McGowan was absent from the meet, as well as thrower Peter Hamilton, who Raunig said would have placed if he'd competed. Other team members were also absent

due to illness and injuries. However, Raunig expects the team to be in full strength this weekend in Pocatello, Idaho.

This season both the men's and women's indoor track teams are picked to finish fifth in the Big Sky Conference. The men's team is led by two All-Americans. McGowan, who will be a junior during the indoor season, earned All-American honors in the indoor mile. Antony Ford, a freshman for the indoor season, placed 16th at the NCAA Cross Country Championship.

All-conference standouts lead the women's indoor track team. Ham was last season's Big Sky Conference Champion in the 10K. In sprints, Andrea Huntley is a consistent conference qualifier.

Raunig said he looks to the seniors to be leaders, but sometimes successful juniors take a leading role.

Twelve high school track and field athletes signed with UM during the early signing period.

"I'm pleasantly surprised," Raunig said. "It's a spring sport so usually people wait."

Nine out of the 12 new additions are from Montana.

Raunig credits the large number of new signees to the improved facility and the good year the team had last season when the men placed second and the women placed fifth in the Big Sky Conference.

The Grizzlies will travel to Pocatello for the Idaho State Multiple Dual this weekend.

Lady Griz basketball fares well during winter recess

Lady Griz head into conference play after break

Will Cleveland
Montana Kaimin

The Lady Griz didn't take a holiday break like most of the students around campus. During the break, the Lady Griz played a total of eight games.

The Lady Griz posted a record of 4-4 during the winter recess to improve its record to 10-6 overall and 1-2 in Big Sky Conference play. Included in those four wins were two victories in the Lady Griz Holiday Classic, where the team defeated Texas Pan-Am and Utah.

In the opening round of the Lady Griz Holiday Classic, the team defeated Texas Pan-Am 60-50 with Hollie

Tyler and Crystal Baird each leading the way with 16 points.

"That Utah game we won was a quality victory," said head coach Robin Selvig. "They are a very strong team and that game showed us a lot about our girls."

In the Utah victory, the Lady Griz outscored a talented Utes team 53-49. Hollie Tyler led the team with 17 points and 13 rebounds to post a double-double.

After the Holiday Classic, the team traveled to Kalamazoo, Mich., on Jan. 2 to face Western Michigan. The ladies dropped their third game of the season, losing 76-64. Junior Jill Henkel led the team with a career-high 20 points and Hollie Tyler once again posted a double-double with 16 points and 12 boards.

After the loss, the Lady Griz rebounded with a 73-68 victory over rival Gonzaga. Baird and Katie Edwards led the team with 15 points each.

On Jan. 9, the Utah Lady Utes avenged their earlier loss in the Lady Griz Holiday Classic by handing the ladies their worst loss of the season, 77-38.

Once again, however, the team rebounded from a tough loss with an impressive showing against the Idaho State Lady Tigers in its Big Sky Conference opener. In that game, Tyler, Edwards and Lynsey Monaco led the way with 15 points apiece in a 79-47 thrashing.

Most recently, the Lady Griz have dropped two straight conference games to Weber State and Montana State.

"Both games were very close,"

Selvig said. "They could have ended up either way, but at least we know that in order to turn those losses into 'Ws' we need to improve in every aspect of our game."

"The team is healthy right now," Selvig said. "We look to continue our strong play in the second half of the season, but in order to do so we need to continue working on the fundamentals."

Thursday, the Lady Griz travel to Flagstaff, Ariz., to take on a strong Northern Arizona team. On Saturday, the team will take on the Sacramento State Hornets in another Big Sky clash.

"Right now, this conference is very competitive," Selvig said. "Therefore we need to take each game seriously and stay focused on the task at hand. If we can do this, I don't see any reason why we can't challenge for another postseason berth."



Robin Selvig

KAIMIN SPORTS

UM men's b-ball rides win-loss roller coaster

Myers Reece
Montana Kaimin

Inconsistency plagues University of Montana's men's basketball team this season.

A pattern of solid wins followed by losses has left the Grizzlies with a mediocre 8-12 record, including a 2-3 mark in conference play.

With victories over Stanford and Idaho, the Griz displayed strong performances despite its losses.

However, coach Pat Kennedy's squad has failed to show up on some occasions.

"There's two ways you can look at it," Kennedy said. "One is that you can say that it helps you prepare for the conference schedule and the other is to say that it can kill the confidence of the team."

Following the dramatic Stanford upset, Pepperdine pounded the Grizzlies, 86-69.

Senior star David Bell's performances best exemplify the team's inconsistency. Bell is third in the Big Sky in scoring, with almost 17 points a game, but on any given night he may not be able to find his shooting touch. Often, the team's overall performance is a reflection of Bell's performance.

Against Stanford, Bell finished with 24 points, including the game-winning shot.

In the loss against Gonzaga, though, he scored only seven points and was unable to feed off of the energy provided by freshman standout Kevin Criswell, who finished with 29 points.

Criswell, who played high school basketball in Colstrip, Mont., has the second highest scoring average on the team, averaging 14.3 points per game.

Criswell has the ability to erupt for a scoring frenzy, as was evident in the Southern Utah and Gonzaga games.

Criswell outdid his 29-point performance against Gonzaga later that month with a 31-point outburst against Southern Utah that included eight three-pointers.

He also scored 28 points in UM's win over Idaho.

Junior Steve Horne also has played well, averaging more than 11 points a game and recording two double-doubles.

Senior Marcus Rosser has provided an inside presence for the Griz. Rosser leads the team in rebounding.

Although UM seems to be equipped with all the scoring capacity its defenders can handle, the team's continuity has been somewhat shaky.

"Our offensive timing is sometimes off," Kennedy said. "This is probably because we have a lot of freshmen. Also, we have a lack of consistent defensive

timing."

The Grizzlies have lost many close games and seem to constantly be on the brink of a winning streak. After recording a 5-3 record in December, UM posted a 2-5 mark in January. Now the heart of the Big Sky schedule awaits them.

UM's loss to in-state rival Montana State was yet another devastatingly close defeat for the Griz, losing 62-58. In a game carrying so much significance for conference standings and bragging rights, the Griz appeared to be the better team for most of the game.

Bell, better known for his offense than defense, held reigning Big Sky Conference MVP Jason Erickson in check all night.

Erickson finished with just four points.

Late in the second half, the Bobcats turned up the heat and took the lead. That lead was never relinquished.

Now the Grizzlies have to enter a long stretch of tough conference play in which they play eight consecutive-conference games before post-season play begins.

Coach Kennedy said he hopes the trying pre-season schedule will pay off later one for the Griz.

The Griz play at home this Thursday against Northern Arizona with tipoff scheduled for 7:35 p.m.



UM basketball player Sam Riddle spins around coach Rob Norris during an offensive drill at the Adams Center on Monday. The Griz will host Northern Arizona Thursday at 7:35 p.m. in the Adams Center.

Former Griz QB sacked by the Detroit Lions

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP)—Marty Mornhinweg, a former star quarterback at the University of Montana, was fired as coach of the Detroit Lions on Monday after a 3-13 season, the second-worst record in the NFL.

Detroit was 5-27 under Mornhinweg over the last two seasons, including a road record of 0-16. The Lions lost their last eight games this season, and only Cincinnati finished with a worse record.

Lions chief executive Matt Millen, with the blessing of team owner William Clay Ford Sr., said on Dec. 31 that Mornhinweg would return as coach.

On Monday, Millen said Mornhinweg was fired as part of the process of moving forward.

"We have to continue to make the best decision to get this franchise going in the right direction," Millen said.

"I want to win, and I want to win now," he said.

Mornhinweg became the fifth NFL coach to be fired since the end of the season, following dismissals at Cincinnati, Dallas, Jacksonville and San Francisco.

Mornhinweg matched Chris Palmer's two-year record of futility for a new coach since the NFL went to a 16-game schedule in 1978. Palmer coached the

Cleveland Browns in 1999 and 2000.

Palmer, though, was coaching an expansion team. Mornhinweg took over a team that went 9-7 and narrowly missed the playoffs.

Possible replacements include former Minnesota coach Dennis Green and former San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci, a Michigan native, who was released earlier this month.

"I spoke to Steve and I would like to speak to him again," Millen said.

Asked if Mariucci's availability was a factor in firing Mornhinweg, Millen said, "It's certainly a factor, but I don't think it's a big factor or a main factor."

Millen said he would consider minority candidates, a process mandated by the NFL this season.

Mornhinweg had a record-setting career at the University of Montana in the early 1980s. He was a four-year starter at UM and set 15 school passing records.

He was an honorable mention All-America candidate in 1982 and 1984. He also won the Steve Carlson Award at the Grizzly's most valuable player.

Mornhinweg had never been a head coach at any level before taking the job with the Lions.

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Matt Hayes/Montana Kaimin
A bouquet of flowers hangs in memory of UM professor Marina Kanevskaya at the intersection of South 6th Street West and Maurice Avenue near the Adams Center. Kanevskaya was killed in December after a hit-and-run accident.

Hit-and-run

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something in the same area, and that he stopped to see if it was an animal or a piece of wood. He said that he didn't see anything, so he drove off.

More than 300 people gathered on campus Dec. 18 for a memorial service in her memory. Her daughter, Masha, is a freshman at UM.

Kanevskaya has been remembered by her colleagues as a professor who loved teaching and the students she taught.

"She liked the job. She liked the students. She wanted them to know Russian language and literature better," said Alla Kourova, a visiting scholar to the foreign languages department. She and Kanevskaya were UM's two Russian professors on staff for spring semester.

Thomas Storch, the dean

of the College of Arts and Sciences, remembers that from the day he first met Kanevskaya, he knew she was someone who cared greatly for her students. During his two-and-a-half years at UM, Storch said, many students have come up to him just to tell him how much they valued her.

Kanevskaya was active in the Russian study abroad program, and always had a strong turnout for the trips, Storch said.

He echoed Kourova's thoughts on Kanevskaya's dedication to her work.

"She was a very unique individual," he said. "Very dynamic and extremely committed to students."

Despite her death, Storch said, all of the classes that Kanevskaya had planned to teach are still being offered with a Russian scholar from the community filling in temporarily.

Hur

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regent in the past.

According to Montana law, "The governor shall appoint the student regent provided for in subsection 3a based upon a nomination provided by a student organization designated by the Board of Regents."

In practice the designated student group has always been MAS, Swan said. Since an addition to Board of Regents policy proposed by Hur in January passed, MAS has been the official designated student organization recognized by the Board of Regents as having the authority to nominate student regent candidates.

Meta Boyer, deputy communications director for Martz, said the statute does not apply in Hur's case because Martz only extended his term, which she has the authority to do by law. According to Montana law, student regents serve a term of no less than one year and no more than four years. The length of the term is up to the discretion of the governor. Hur has been a regent since 2001.

Boyer said Hur's term was extended because Martz was pleased with the work he has done as a member of the Board of Regents. She also said keeping Hur on the Board of Regents was an effort to preserve continuity on the board in the wake of the resignation of the Commissioner of Higher Education in December.

Geelan said the opinion of MAS should have been sought before the decision to extend Hur's term was made.

"We are disappointed that we didn't get a chance to be a part of the process," Geelan said. He was unsure if MAS would take a formal stance in the form of a letter to governor Martz regarding the way the decision to extend Hur's term was made.

Boyer did not know if Martz planned to consult student opinion regarding the appointment of the student regent in the future.

"That is a discussion that will come up as we get closer to the point when a new student regent needs to be appointed," she said.

MAS originally selected Hur as one of its three candidates for the Board of Regents back in 2000. He

didn't get the job then, but applied again in 2001 when he was appointed by Martz.

Hur said he will continue to be a "servant" of the students in the Montana University System. He plans to help work on creating an online economic benefits directory where employers can have access to university resources like graduates searching for jobs in Montana, information, support or advice for their businesses. Hur also wants to make it easier for students to transfer between universities in the state. Minimizing tuition increases is another concern of Hur's.

Hur said the best part of his job is affecting positive change.

"The best part is making a difference when a policy should be changed and then being a part of that change," he said.

Hur is a first year law student at UM. He received his undergraduate degree in finance from MSU-Billings. Hur has been a U.S. Marine Corps Reservist since 1988. He has been accepted into an officer's commissioning program and was formally a reconnaissance radio operator.

Aretha Franklin may be subpoenaed

DETROIT (AP) — Prosecutors may subpoena singer Aretha Franklin to obtain information about her home that was destroyed by a fire in October.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office will decide this week whether to issue an investigative subpoena that would "compel her to testify," said Assistant Prosecutor James Halushka.

Since the Oct. 25 fire, which has been ruled an arson, investigators say they have tried at least three times to interview Franklin. Her attorney, Elbert Hatchett, has answered most investigators' questions on her behalf.

Halushka said if the subpoena is issued, the only way Franklin could avoid directly answering questions would be to invoke her Fifth Amendment right against

self-incrimination.

"I wouldn't expect her to do that because she is not a suspect," Halushka told the Detroit Free Press for a Monday story.

But Hatchett said that's a possibility if Franklin is subpoenaed.

"My client has been very cooperative and we've provided more information than we could reasonably be expected to," Hatchett told The Detroit News. "If that happened, I would probably advise her to take the Fifth."

"I mean, who knows what they're trying to do? We have already answered a list of questions. But she's not going to sit for something like that. No."

Franklin was on tour in Houston when fire swept through the 10,000-square-foot home in Bloomfield Township.

The investigation showed that an accelerant was used to start the fire in three locations on the first floor of the \$1.6 million home.

Police have one suspect — a man walking near the home the morning of the fire. He was questioned and released.

In a statement Monday, Franklin said she was "disappointed and puzzled" to hear about the possible subpoena, and said she had answered all of the investigators' questions sent to her attorneys.

The singer said she was out of town performing at concerts when investigators tried to speak to her.

"Issuing press releases for television news and daily newspapers to make me look uncooperative is simply not fair, true or necessary," she said. "My attorneys will be in touch with them."

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